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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
16 December 1969

1. The sixteenth meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee of the USIB Security Committee was held on 16 December 1969 between 1330 and 1545 hours in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters Building. In attendance were:

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Mr. Richard F. Kitterman, State Member	
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Mr. Louis J. Martin, Army Alternate	
Mr. Robert B. Cameron, Navy Member	
Mr. William S. Donaldson, Air Force Alternate	
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Mr. Donald Roderick, FBI Member	
Mr. Raymond J. Brady, AEC Member	
Col. William D. Marsland, Jr., JCS/JCCRG Observer	
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Mr. Alexander S. Chodakowski, State	
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Mr. Conrad S. Banner, FBI	
Mr. J. Neil Wallace, USIB/IHC Support Staff	
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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret COMINT.

3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 25 November meeting were approved without amendment.

25X1 4. Computer Security Training Course Requirements: All members had an opportunity during the instant meeting to voice their general suggestions about the content and organization of the planned community training course in computer security. This discussion was introduced by the Chairman's report that he had visited the Interagency Training Facility [] since the previous meeting and concluded that this site would not be suitable for the planned computer course.

5. The discussion produced a recommendation from the NSA member that the subcommittee efforts in regard to the training problem be directed not only toward the objective of basic computer security orientation but also the development of competent system security officers. Members generally recognized the validity of this two-fold goal, but most agreed that a broad general approach to the computer security field was of higher priority.

6. The Chairman appointed a Task Team to address the problem and to report to the Subcommittee regularly on its efforts; composition of this team included the CIA, Army, and Navy representatives, the latter being appointed its chairman. The Task Team was asked to consider the need for both a general basic course and an advanced more specialized one in that order of priority. It was requested (a) to define objectives of such training, (b) to recommend a schedule of classes and other curricula, and (c) to identify administrative problems with alternative solutions related to the operation of such training.

7. Multilevel Operations: The Chairman again reminded members that individual submissions for the proposed consolidated Subcommittee report on community security features in multilevel operations were overdue. He urged that those submissions not yet made be forwarded as soon as possible. He also indicated that the Multilevel Task Team (DIA, AEC, and AF) should be prepared to begin work on consolidating the individual submissions.

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8. Degaussing Study: During the instant meeting the NSA member provided the Chairman with the anticipated report of NSA investigation into the erasure of information from magnetic storage devices; this report had been requested with reference to the NSA briefing of the Subcommittee on erasure methods and problems provided at its 17 June meeting. This report among other data will serve as a basis for the Subcommittee's information report on the degaussing problem.

9. Also at the meeting the State member provided a copy of a Defense Supply Agency Industrial Security Letter (No. 69L-7, dated 3 December 1969) which announced an approved change in the Industrial Security Manual concerning the requirements for over-writing disks and drums. A copy of this letter was provided all members at the meeting.

10. Also during the meeting, Col. Marsland noted the fact that the Joint Chiefs of Staff had released a Staff paper, a portion of which related to degaussing procedures for SIOP-ESI material. This paper, SM-800-69, dated 21 November 1969, subject: Safe-guarding the Single Integrated Operational Plan, was disseminated to the services, to NSA, and to DIA, among others. The NSA member noted the fact that it had been concurred in by his Agency with reference to the handling of SIOP material.

11. The references mentioned above were considered of importance in the preparation of the planned Subcommittee report on the degaussing problem. The Chairman indicated that he would be in touch with the NSA, CIA and DIA members with reference to preparing a first draft of the Subcommittee report; members from these agencies had previously been designated as a Task Team for this purpose with the NSA representative acting as chairman.

12. Security Labeling Standards: Recalling the agreement made at the November 1969 meeting that the security labeling problem will be jointly explored by the Subcommittee and the

Systems Design and Development Subcommittee of the IHC, [redacted] advised that a paper can be prepared or a recommendation for standardization of security labels only after the CSS defines all the security labels involved and sets forth their relationships.

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13. Other Business:

a) The Chairman requested that each Subcommittee member keep his Agency's principal Security Committee member abreast on the activities of the Computer Security Subcommittee. The Chairman's request in this regard was predicated on questions raised during a recent Security Committee meeting about CSS activities.

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c) The Chairman also called member attention to a memorandum for the DCI dated 11 November 1969 from the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs which submitted several recommendations prepared by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board (PFIAB) for a more effective community intelligence information system. Member attention was particularly called to a supplemental recommendation forwarded in this correspondence :

" The development by the Director of Central Intelligence of new physical security and access regulations, procedures and guidelines to be implemented by U. S. intelligence agencies on a community-wide basis, with

a view to providing adequate security protection for sensitive intelligence data within information-handling systems utilizing automatic data processing techniques. "

With reference to this recommendation, the DCI in his response made the following comment:

"In recognition of the new security problems inherent in data automation and computer manipulation of classified files a special committee of USIB was established on 18 November 1968 to devote its attention to this area of concern. In addition, close liaison is maintained with ARPA and with private contractors who are studying the problem of multi-level computer security. As of this time, the necessity for statutory modification has not been indicated. "

The Chairman explained to Subcommittee members that this comment referred to the activities of the Computer Security Subcommittee. He mentioned that a review of the terms of reference of the Subcommittee reflected that it could address the task outlined in the PFLAB recommendation.

d) The Chairman reported that he had contacted [redacted] the [redacted] resolution of the problem of [redacted] records is being implemented as agreed to by NSA and CIA.

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14. The next Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for 1330 hours on 13 January 1970.

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Chairman
Computer Security Subcommittee